



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council
Christian Family Life Standing Committee**

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To: Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairpersons
From: Kelly Langevin, Diocesan Christian Family Life Chairperson
cc: Diocesan Executive, Parish Presidents, Provincial Christian Family Life Standing Committee Chairperson

"Be faithful in small things, because it is in them that your strength lies"
Mother Teresa

Dear Sisters in the League,

Our provincial president, Linda Squarzolo announced her theme - "*Go Make a Difference*" for the next two years. She has challenged her executive council members to adopt a "*Go Make a Difference!*" project. We have been asked to share with you as Christian family life chairpersons, a few suggestions to put into action. It is specifically designed so our grass root members could participate.

Christian Family Life Focus Project

In the light of all the issues surrounding the church (abuse, indigenous issues, etc.) and recognizing that our priests, religious and deaconate must deal with personal stress related to same, Betsy has asks that the focus for Christian Family Life Standing Committee to be directed towards "**Vocations**"

Action Plan

1. Offer a Mass for the intentions of your pastor, for young persons to discern a vocation, persons in religious life.
2. Invite priests and religious to speak at your meetings on vocations.
3. Send a "thinking of you" or a "Thank you" card to your pastor and /or persons in religious life.
4. Remember to congratulate them on their anniversaries. Some ideas include: send a card of congratulations, a gift, offer a Mass, have a "come and go", or offer a spiritual bouquet.
5. Remember them on special occasions with a card or present.
6. Offer an invitation to your home for a meal or a visit.

7. Discuss vocations with your children, grandchildren and friends.
8. Donate to and/or share information about the Bishop Pappin Bursary Fund with your councils, any seminarians you know.
9. Adopt a seminarian or novitiate. Send him/her a card or note of encouragement, during their studies. Send them a Christmas card, invite them for a meal. Invite them to come to a meeting and speak about their journey.
10. Pray often for a specific priest or religious or any/all priests and persons in the religious life.
11. Pray for vocations.

This plan's actions are aimed at religious life and the priesthood but please remember that a vocation is a call not only the priesthood or religious life. Single life and married life are also vocations. Your specific calling is unique to you. God has plans for all and He calls us to freely and generously respond to his call.

Sanctity of Life

Attached to this directive is part of the October newsletter from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition – the letter from Executive Director Alex Shadenberg, which highlights some significant victories over the last month.

For the entire newsletter go to the Euthanasia Coalition website at www.epcc.ca

National Christian Family Life Fall Memo

The Christian Family Life Memo from our national counterpart Dorothy Johansen, includes some excellent information and resources in Marriage and Family; Sanctity of Life; Ministry to Youth, Disabled, Seniors, Widowed, Separated, and Divorced; and Vocations. Be sure to take a few minutes and go to the national website www.cwl.ca to read this memo.

Friday November 4th is the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo, the patron saint of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians and spiritual leaders. "Go Make a Difference!" Encourage your council to offer a mass for someone who might need encouragement.

May our Lady's love and blessings be with you.

Kelly